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SUBJ: ALGERIAN PRESS ON U.S. CALL FOR LOWER OIL PRICES

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1. EL MOUDJAHID SEPTEMBER 26 CARRIED LONG, STRIDENT EDITORIAL BLAST AT FORD -- KISSINGER STATEMENTS AT THE UN AND DETROIT WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE. WRITER AHMED BELAID IS ARTICULATE, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SPEAKS FOR INDUSTRY AND ENERGY MINISTER ABDESSELAM AND THE PARTY INNER CIRCLE.

2. FORD - KISSINGER POSITION CHARACTERIZED AS
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THREATENING AND IRRITATING, NOT ONLY TO OIL PRODUCERS,

BUT TO AL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. EDITORIAL SLAMS U.S. AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR BLAMING INFLATION ON OPEC PRICES RATHER THAN ON OWN POLICIES -- ESPECIALLY NOTING HIGH TAXES ON OIL, HUGE OIL COMPANY PROFITS, FLUCTUATING WORLD CURRENCIES. U.S. POSTURE SEEN AS "LEAST RESPONSIBLE" ACTION, "UNBURYING WAR HATCHES" AND THREATENING FOOD SHORTAGES.

4. EDITORIAL ASKS IF THIS IS BEGINNING OF ECONOMIC WAR AND CALLS FOR RESTRUCTURING OF WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER.

5. TWENTY MINUTES OF LATE EVENING HALF-HOUR TV NEWS DEVOTED TO SAME ISSUE. THESIS OF MORNING EDITORIAL REPEATED ALMOST VERBATIM. TV COMMENTARY STRESSED PRESENT STRENGTH OF OIL PRODUCERS AGAINST HISTORIC BACKGROUND OF EXPLOITATION BY IMPERIALIST NATIONS. PROGRAM ENDED BY CITING BOUMEDIENNE APPEAL FOR HIGHT PRODUCTIVITY AS COUNTRY ENTERS "NEW PHASE" OF THE REVOLUTION.

6. SEPTEMBER 27 EL MOUDJAHID HAS MORE OF THE SAME, STRESSING U.S. ATTEMPT TO CORRECT ITS OWN FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AT EXPENSE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCERS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WITH INFLATION AT 14 PERCENT BELAID FORECAST NEW RISE IN OIL PRICES.

7. ARTICLES HINT AT EXTRAORDINARY OPEC MEETING TO MEET NEW THREAT AND CITES VENEZUELA, IRAN AND PEKING SUPPORT OF PRESENT JUST OIL PRICES.PARKER

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